

# IN THE TENTH COURT OF APPEALS

## No. 10-16-00211-CR

PAMELA COAN,

Appellant

v.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Appellee

From the 52nd District Court Coryell County, Texas Trial Court No. 13-21927

## MEMORANDUM OPINION

Appellant, Pamela Coan, was charged by information with driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, a state-jail felony. *See* TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 49.045 (West 2011). Pursuant to a plea bargain with the State, appellant pleaded guilty to the charged offense. The trial court accepted appellant's guilty plea, found appellant guilty of the charged offense, sentenced appellant to two years' confinement in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice with a \$1,000 fine, suspended the sentence, and placed appellant on community supervision for three years.

Thereafter, the State filed a motion to revoke appellant's community supervision, alleging that appellant violated numerous conditions of her community supervision. Without the benefit of a plea agreement, appellant pleaded "true" to the allegations contained in the State's motion to revoke. The trial court accepted appellant's pleas of "true," revoked appellant's community supervision, and sentenced appellant to eighteen months confinement with no fine. The trial court certified appellant's right of appeal, and this appeal followed.

#### I. ANDERS BRIEF

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744, 87 S. Ct. 1396, 1400, 18 L. Ed. 2d 493 (1967), appellant's court-appointed appellate counsel filed a brief and a motion to withdraw with this Court, stating that his review of the record yielded no error upon which an appeal can be predicated. Counsel's brief meets the requirements of *Anders* as it presents a professional evaluation demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds to advance on appeal. *See In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403, 407 n.9 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008) ("In Texas, an *Anders* brief need not specifically advance 'arguable' points of error if counsel finds none, but it must provide record references to the facts and procedural history and set out pertinent legal authorities.") (citing *Hawkins v. State*, 112 S.W.3d 340,

343-44 (Tex. App. – Corpus Christi 2003, no pet.)); *Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503, 510 n.3 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991) (en banc).

In compliance with *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807, 813 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978), appellant's counsel has carefully discussed why, under controlling authority, there are no reversible errors in the trial court's judgment. Counsel has informed this Court that he has: (1) examined the record and found no arguable grounds to advance on appeal; (2) served a copy of the brief and counsel's motion to withdraw on appellant; and (3) provided appellant with a copy of the record and informed her of her right to file a pro se response.<sup>1</sup> *See Anders*, 386 U.S. at 744, 87 S. Ct. at 1400; *Stafford*, 813 S.W.2d at 510 n.3; *see also In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d at 409 n.23. More than an adequate period of time has passed, and appellant has not filed a pro se response.<sup>2</sup> *See In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d at 409.

### II. INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Upon receiving an *Anders* brief, we must conduct a full examination of all the proceedings to determine whether the case is wholly frivolous. *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has held that "'the pro se response need not comply with the rules of appellate procedure in order to be considered. Rather, the response should identify for the court those issues which the indigent appellant believes the court should consider in deciding whether the case presents any meritorious issues.'" *In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403, 409 n.23 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008) (quoting *Wilson v. State*, 955 S.W.2d 693, 696-97 (Tex. App. – Waco 1997, no pet.)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In his notice to appellant, appellant's counsel indicated that he has "previously sent [appellant] a copy of the record for your use." Based on this representation and the fact that we have not received a complaint from appellant regarding access to the record, we have fair assurance that appellant has had sufficient access to the record to assist in filing a pro se response, though no response has been filed. *See Kelly v. State*, 436 S.W.3d 313, 321-22 (Tex. Crim. App. 2014).

75, 80, 109 S. Ct. 346, 349-50, 102 L. Ed. 2d 300 (1988). We have reviewed the entire record and counsel's brief and have found nothing that would arguably support an appeal. *See Bledsoe v. State,* 178 S.W.3d 824, 827-28 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005) ("Due to the nature of *Anders* briefs, by indicating in the opinion that it considered the issues raised in the briefs and reviewed the record for reversible error but found none, the court of appeals met the requirement of Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 47.1."); *Stafford,* 813 S.W.2d at 509. Accordingly, we affirm the judgment of the trial court.

#### **III.** MOTION TO WITHDRAW

In accordance with *Anders*, appellant's attorney has asked this Court for permission to withdraw as counsel in this case. *See Anders*, 386 U.S. at 744, 87 S. Ct. at 1400; *see also In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d at 408 n.17 (citing *Jeffery v. State*, 903 S.W.2d 776, 779-80 (Tex. App. – Dallas 1995, no pet.) ("If an attorney believes the appeal is frivolous, he must withdraw from representing the appellant. To withdraw from representation, the appointed attorney must file a motion to withdraw accompanied by a brief showing the appellate court that the appeal is frivolous.") (citations omitted)). We grant counsel's motion to withdraw. Within five days of the date of this Court's opinion, counsel is ordered to send a copy of this opinion and this Court's judgment to appellant and to advise her of her right to file a petition for discretionary review.<sup>3</sup> *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 48.4;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> No substitute counsel will be appointed. Should appellant wish to seek further review of this case by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, she must either retain an attorney to file a petition for discretionary review or must file a pro se petition for discretionary review. Any petition for discretionary

see also In re Schulman, 252 S.W.3d at 412 n.35; Ex parte Owens, 206 S.W.3d 670, 673 (Tex.

Crim. App. 2006).

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review must be filed within thirty days from the date of this opinion or the last timely motion for rehearing or timely motion for en banc reconsideration was overruled by this Court. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 68.2. Any petition and all copies of the petition for discretionary review must be filed with the Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals. *See id.* at R. 68.3. Any petition for discretionary review should comply with the requirements of rule 68.4 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. *See id.* at R. 68.4; *see also In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d at 409 n.22.